

§Appl. No. 09/529,588
Amdt. dated January 31, 2005
Reply to Office Action of, September 29, 2004

REMARKS

Entry of the attached amendments to the claims is respectfully requested. It is believed that these amendments put the claims in condition for allowance, or at the very least simplify the issues for Appeal. Please further note that the Examiner's Amendment dated March 25, 2003 has been incorporated into the claims.

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which could be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,



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